

Remarks:

Claims:

Claims 25-46 were pending. Claims 25-46 were subject to a five (5) way Restriction Requirement.

Claims 26, 28, 30, 33-34, 36-39, 42 and 44-46 have been cancelled without prejudice as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims 25, 31-32, and 40-41 have been amended to more particularly and distinctly claim the subject matter of Applicants' invention. Claims 47-51 have been added to more particularly and distinctly claim certain embodiments. Claims 47-51 are consistent with the subject matter of Group I. Claims 25, 27, 29, 31-32, 35, 40-41, 43 and 47-51 are pending.

Support for the amendments is either apparent, or is as described below. Support for recombinant polypeptide in claim 47 can be found at, for example, page 1, line 10; page 3, lines 16-19; the paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11; page 11, lines 20-25; and page 12, lines 20-24. No new matter is added.

Restriction

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I (claims 25, 27, 29, 31, 32, 35, 40, 41 and 43) without traverse. Applicants also elect to prosecute claims with respect to SEQ ID NO:2. While the election of Group I and SEQ ID NO:2 is without traverse, Applicant reserves the right to traverse restriction requirements between the other asserted claim groups.

In the Specification:

In view of the omission of paragraph numbering in the originally filed international application, Applicants have elected to submit a substitute specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125.

The substitute specification includes paragraph numbering and the recitation "What is claimed is:" in the claims section to secure consistency with MPEP 608.01(a). An abstract on a separate sheet is also provided. No matter is added.

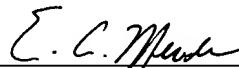
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Closing Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action and believe this response to be a full and complete response to such Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration in view of this response and allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

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